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s/n 09/745,512

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Han et al.

Serial Number : 09/745,512

FOR : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PATTERNING CARDS, INSTRUMENTS

AND DOCUMENTS

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 (NO FEE REQUIRED)

Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 2, 2005 and received in my office on February 10, 2005 and to request a withdrawal of the abandonment.

The pertinent facts are as follows:

1. The issue Fee Transmittal Form (Ex. "A", enclosed herewith) and check (Ex. "B", enclosed herewith) in the amount of \$985.00 are each dated December 8, 2004 and were mailed to the USPTO on December 8, 2004.

NOTE THE CHECK WAS CASHED BY THE USPTO.

- 2. The Certificate of Mailing is signed by me and attests that the fees are being mailed to the USPTO on December 8, 2004.
- 3. Unbeknownst to me, the fee schedule changed on December 8, 2004 and the amount due for the issue fee was increased. I never received notification in the mail of the fee increase and I did not have access to the internet on that day.
- 4. A return post card was received by me from the USPTO acknowledging that the issue fee transmittal form and check were received by the USPTO on 12/10/04. (See Ex. "C", enclosed herewtih.)
- 5. According to the Issue Fee Notification of Allowance, payment of the issue fee was due by December 20, 2004.
- 6. The USPTO did not call me or notify me in any way of the \$15.00 shortage when it received the money on 12/10/04. Notice would have enabled me to provide the shortage due in ample time.
- 7. Instead, the USPTO waited until February 2, 2005 (almost 2 months) before notifying me of an Abandonment.
- 8. NOTE THAT, ON 12/8/05, I MAILED TWO ISSUE FEES (BOTH FOR THE SAME AMOUNT) TO THE USPTO, ONE FOR THE SUBJECT PATENT AND THE OTHER FOR APP # 10/141,110. YESTERDAY, I RECEIVED A NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE FOR APP # 10/141,110 (EXHIBIT "D").
- 9. The Notice of Abandonment was issued <u>ERRONEOUSLY</u> for the subject patent.

Please withdraw the Abandonment and accept the enclosed check in the amount of \$15.00 in payment of the shortage due.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry I. Schanzer

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